

HOUSE No. 1005

By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition of Demetrius J. Atsalis that the Board of Education be directed to establish separate Massachusetts comprehensive assessment system (MCAS) examinations for special and vocational education students. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 1I of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as most recently
- 2 amended by section 5 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2002, is
- 3 hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:—
- 4 The board shall establish separate Massachusetts Comprehen-
- 5 sive Assessment System examinations for special education stu-
- 6 dents and for vocational education students. Said examinations
- 7 shall be designated as MCASsped MCASvoc. Passage of these
- 8 examinations shall satisfy the requirements for high school gradu-
- 9 ation. Any student entitled to take these separate examinations
- 10 may elect to take the regular MCAS.